Helen Kareiva's Family

BRIDGEPORT AND McKINLEY PARK NEWS

Wednesday, November 7, 1951

Darius-Girenas Unit To Hold Party Nov. 7

The Women's Auxiliary of Darius-Girenas, Unit No. 271 will hold a party at post headquarters, 4416 S. Western Ave. Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

All proceeds will go for the support of rehabilitation in the state and child welfare.

There will be a bake sale and a veteran's craft booth. Chairman of the affair is Ann Zvin and co-chairman is Jennie Linkus.

Others on the committee are Susan Krause, Irene Danta; and Harriet Kamin.

ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE

Armistice Day, the day set aside to commemorate the end of World War I, will once again be observed at Post Headquarters on Sunday, November 11, 1951. A rifle salute will be fired at 11:00 A.M. All comrades able to attend are requested to gather outside Post Headquarters with Legion cap or uniform, where this event will take place.

In addition, a program at 8:00 P.M., of patriotic observance and entertainment has been arranged at Post Headquarters. One of the added features of this event will be Mass Initiation of new members by our Ritual Team.

All Post members, their families and friends are cordially invited to come out and attend this celebration. The admission is free.

CIGARETTE DRIVE REMINDER

Once again signs of the Christmas season are evident.. Thoughts of Christmas gifts are beginning to run through our minds. Whom shall we remember on our Christmas shopping list? Family and close friends, of course, but let us also remember our buddies and comrades who lie in hospital beds throughout the country. A letter, a visit, a small gift that shows them that we still think of them and what they did, is sincerely appreciated; especially during the season of the year when even the most hardbitten have been seen with tears in their eyes as they watched others with their loved ones, while they themselves had evidently been forgotten. Think back to those war-years when you were alone in a crowd during the Christmas holidays — maybe it was in Europe, or on a Pacific atoll, or even perhaps here in the States at some distant military installation. It was not a joyful time, was it? So remember those in hospitals, who are not now as fortunate as you and are still away from their loved ones.

The annual Cigarette Drive for hospitalized veterans in this area has begun. Donations are being accepted at Post Headquarters. We strongly urge your support. Make your checks or money orders payable to Darius-Girenas Cigarette Drive and mail them or bring them in to Darius-Girenas Legion Headquarters, 4416 So. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, c/o Cigarette Drive Chairman.

Volunteers for the Cigarette Drive Committee please contact Steve Sisk at Legion Headquarters.

STEVE SISK,
Chairman.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Now that Thanksgiving once again has passed and the turkey disappeared we can look forward to Christmas. Have you started your Christmas shopping? The members who attended our meeting November 21st have. We had a demonstration of toys for infants and children with a 33% saving on some articles. You who failed to come out really missed an enjoyable evening. We who attended are very thankful to our madame president Helen Karevia who aranged this demonstration because now we won't have to contend with shopping in a crowded store. Just think, we went home completely rested after doing some of our Christmas shopping sitting down and saved money too.

REHABILITATION.

Since December is Rehabilitation Month I thought it would be beneficial to all if I would write a few words about our Rehab Chairman Mary Martin to let you know just how much work she does for our Unit . . . Every 9 weeks Mary goes out to Hines Hospital for Service Work. She takes out anything the Vet's can use in the way of toilet articles. When cigarettes are distributed by our Post, Mary is always right there on the job getting the ladies together to help out. She helps out with Bingo Party's, feeds the boys and instructs bowling at least once a week at Hines. Orland Park is also visited by Mary when she takes out cigarettes and helps with their parties. We know Mary will keep up the good work and our record in the Bluebook will be something outstanding . . . Come to our meeting December 19th, there will be a display of the toilet articles that are distributed at the hospital to the disabled veterans by our Unit through our Rehabilitation Chairman Mary Martin.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Christmas the season of "Good Will Toward Men" means just that- Our Unit shows its "Good Will" when we bring the less fortunate families a full Christmas Basket. REMEMBER to bring nonperishable food with you when you come to our December meeting, so when you sit down to enjoy your festive Christmas Dinner you will feel light-hearted knowing you helped some hungry family have a joyous Christmas too.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

FROM THE COMMANDER AND POST OFFICERS

CIGARETTE DRIVE OFFICIALLY BEGUN

As the Armistice Day tribute to our fallen buddies fades with the final strains of taps, we are aga n reminded of our duty to those of our buddies who lie in hospital beds throughout the nation. In partial fulfillment of that duty, we announce that the annual Cigarette Drive has officially begun.

This year, as in past years, both cash donations and donations of cigarettes are being accepted. Labelled cans for the collection of cash donations have been distributed to various places of business. There are still a few containers available for those who wish to have one. They may be picked up at Post Headquarters on a first-come-first-served basis. A telephone call requesting a container will bring a prompt response from the Cigarette Drive Committee.

Our Auxiliary Unit has once again shown their spirit of cooperation by their donation of $50.00 to the Cigarette Drive. These wonderful ladies besides contributing financially have volunteered their time and services to aid in the collection of cigarettes and contributions for the Cigarette Drive. In addition they assist very capably in the distribution of cigarettes at the Veteran's hospitals. Now that these fine ladies are once again among the first contributors let us keep the donations rolling in.

All donations may be mailed or brought to Darius-Girenas Legion Headquarters, 4416 S. Western Ave., marked "Cigarette Drive". In the past years the support received from our Post members and friends has been very gratifying and we know that this year we may expect the same support.

Remember those who are not as fortunate as you and lie hospitalized and disabled and all too frequently forgotten. Get those donations in to Post Headquarters and keep them coming so that those boys know they are not forsaken; that what they have done and what they have sacrificed has not been in vain.